

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action mailed December 22, 2006 has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 14 are pending. Claims 7 – 10 and 14 have been canceled.

With this amendment it is respectfully submitted the claims satisfy the statutory requirements.

In the office action dated December 22, 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 7 – 10 and 14 due to improper format.

In response applicants have canceled claims 7 – 10 and 14.

**Conclusion**

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

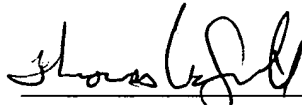
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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